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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## THE SCRIPTURES ON THE WAR

SIR,—

The following Scriptural applications to the War may be of interest to your readers.

*Uncle Sam: For himself:*

"Blessed be the Lord my strength, Who teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight." (Ps. CIV, 1).

"I call heaven and earth to record this day" (Deut. XXX, 19), that "by the space of three years" (Acts XX, 31), "I laboured for peace" (Ps. CXX, 7).

"The nobles . . . sent many letters" (Neh. VI, 17), "rising up early and sending them" (Jer. XXV, 4), "And the king answered them roughly, . . . saying that" (2 Chron. X, 18), "he hath described a boundary upon the face of the waters" (Job XXVI, 10), "wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby". (Is. XXXIII, 21).

"Woe is me!" (Is. VI, 5), "In the valley of decision" (Joel III, 14), "I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, and had no comfort". (Ps. XXXIX, 2).

*Why he had no comfort:*

"The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground" (Gen. IV, 10).

"In the day that thou stoodest aloof, in the day that strangers carried away his substance, and foreigners entered into his gates . . . even thou was as one of them." (Obad. ii.)

"Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty". (Judges V, 28).

"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then, because thou art luke-warm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth . . . Thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing: And knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." (Rev. III, 15-17).

"What shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark VIII, 36).

*His Excuses:*

"Am I my brother's keeper"? (Gen. IV, 9).

"I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the

people, The work is great and large, and we are separated . . . one far from another". (Neh. IV, 19).

"Ye have not passed this way heretofore." (Josh. III, 4).

"When he shall roar, then shall the children tremble from the West." (Hos. XI, 10).

"For as yet the people had not prepared", (2 Chron. XX, 38).

"It is a rebellious people . . . which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits." (Is. XXX, 9, 10).

"They cry, Peace, peace" (Jer. VI, 14).

"Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, neither was the word of the Lord yet revealed unto him" (1 Sam. III, 7).

#### *His call:*

"And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel said, Speak; for thy servant heareth". (1 Sam. III, 10).

"Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here"? (Numb. XXXII, 6).

"Prepare ye war against her, and let us go up". (Jer. VI, 4).

"Arise ye, and pass quickly over the water". (2 Sam. XVII, 21).

"Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbors, even empty vessels; borrow not a few". (2 Kgs. IV, 8).

"Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships . . . to bring thy sons from far". (Is. LX, 9).

#### *His response:*

"We have sinned . . . we will go up and fight". (Deut. 1, 41).

"Now I have prepared with all my might". (1 Chron. XXIX, 2).

"I will bring thy sons from the East, and gather thee from the West: I will say to the North, Give up; and to the South, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the end of the earth". (Is. XLIII, 5-6).

"And all the people said, Amen, and praised the Lord". (1 Chron. XVI, 36).

#### *For our Army and Navy:*

"Ye shall pass over before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and shall help them, until the Lord have given your brethren rest . . . then shall ye return unto the land of your possession, and possess it." (Josh. I, 14-16).

#### *For Germany:*

"The Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. There is naught but swearing and breaking faith, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery." (Hosh. IV, 1, 2).

#### *For the Kaiser:*

"Thou hast said, I am a god, I sit in the seat of God". (Ezek. XXVIII, 8).

#### *For the Crown Prince:*

"I am a worm, and no man: a reproach of men, and despised of the people". (Ps. XXII, 6).

*For the Kaiser's sons severally:*

"Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night,  
Nor for the arrow that flieth by day . . .  
A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand  
at thy right hand:  
But it shall not come nigh thee."

(Ps. XCI, 5-7).

"They are in no peril of death, but are lusty and strong.  
They come in no misfortune like other folk: neither are they plagued  
like other men.  
And this is the cause that they are so holden with pride: and overwhelmed  
with cruelty.  
Their eyes swell with fatness: and they do even what they lust."  
(Ps. LXXIII, 4-7).

*For von Emmich (Aug. 1914):*

"I passed over upon her fair neck". (Hosh. X, 11).

*For the Governor-Generals of Belgium and Poland:*

"And he commanded the task-masters of the people, and their officers,  
saying" (Ex. V, 6), "Everyone that is found shall be thrust through;  
and everyone that is taken shall fall by the sword. Their infants also  
shall be dashed in pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled,  
and their wives ravished." (Is. XIII, 15-16). "I will not pity nor  
spare, nor have compassion." (Jer. XIII, 14).

*For von Hindenburg:*

"He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass". (Job XIX, 8).

*For the Submarine:*

"I will prepare destroyers against thee, everyone with his weapons".  
(Jer. XXII, 7).

"His soul draweth near to the grave, and his life to the destroyers".  
(Job XXXIII, 22).

"I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer". (Ps. XVII, 4).

*For Drs. von Bernstorff and Dumba:*

"They also did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been  
ambassadors" (Josh. IX, 4); "in whose hands is mischief, and their  
right hand is full of bribes". (Ps. XXVI, 10).

"Are not his servants come unto thee for to search, and to overthrow,  
and to spy out the land"? (1 Chron. XIX, 3).

"The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was  
in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords"  
(Ps. LV, 21).

"It was not an open enemy that hath done me this dishonour: for  
then I could have borne it . . . But it was even thou . . . mine own  
familiar friend." (Ps. LV, 12-14).

"So he returned with shame of face to his own land". (2 Chron.  
XXXII, 21).

*Their confession:*

"Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour".  
(Ps. LXIX, 19).

*To those who are willing to accept a German peace:*

"This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: he will take your sons, and appoint them unto him, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen . . . and he will set some to plow his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and the instruments of his chariots. And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers. And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. He will take the tenth of your flocks: and ye shall be his servants." (1 Sam. VIII, 11-17).

*For the Secret Service:*

"Go, I pray you, make yet more sure, and know and see his place where his haunt is, and who hath seen him there: for it is told me that he dealeth very subtilly. See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me . . . and I will go with you . . . and will search him out." (1 Sam. XXIII, 22-23).

*For the Shipping Board:*

"I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for: and I will do all thy desire concerning timber . . . my servants shall bring them down . . . unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive them." (1 Kgs. V, 8, 9).

"Let him make speed, and hasten his work." (Is. V, 19).

*For all German-Americans:*

"As free, and not using your freedom for a cloak of wickedness." (1 Pet. II, 16).

*For Belgium:*

"And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy trouble, and from the hard bondage wherein thou was made to serve, that thou shalt take up this parable against the King . . . and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! . . . that smote the peoples in wrath with a continual stroke, that ruled the nations in anger, with a persecution that none restrained. The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing . . . Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming . . . the worm is spread under thee, and worms cover thee. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of the morning! How are thou cut down to the ground, which didst lay low the nations! And thou saidst in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God . . . I will be like the Most High. Yet shalt thou be brought down to hell, to the uttermost parts of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, they shall consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms: that made the world as a wilderness, and overthrew the cities thereof; that let not loose his prisoners to their home"? (Is. XIV, 8-17).

*The Watchword for France:*

"Thou shalt not pass". (Gen. XXXI, 52).

*The Watchword for England:*

"Though they roar, yet can they not pass." (Jer. V, 22).

*For Italy:*

"And he pressed him: howbeit he would not go." (2 Sam. XIII, 25).

*For Russia:*

"He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand"? (Is. XLIV, 20).

*Our purpose for Germany:*

"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free". (Jn. VIII, 32).

*For the faint-hearted at home:*

"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength". (Is. XXX, 15).

*For the world, after the war:*

"I saw a new heaven, and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away". (Rev. XXI, 1).

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[NOTE: The translations used are the Authorized, the Revised, and that in the Anglican Prayer Book Psalter.—AUTHOR.]

### CODDLING LABOR

SIR,—I wish to express my hearty approval of the editorial appearing in the March number of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW under the heading of, "Wanted, a Leader."

For some time it has seemed to me that unless active steps were taken to disclose to the thinking people of this country the actual condition of affairs existing in our Government, and through public demand compelling the replacement of the weaklings and incompetents with whom the President has surrounded himself, the war would either be immeasurably prolonged or we would stand a very great risk of being defeated. This publicity and effective criticism can, of course, only be brought about through the press, and it was, therefore, with the greatest satisfaction and approval that I read your article as being a decided step in the right direction.

I wish to call your attention to a matter which has received very little comment by the press, and that is the reduction of working hours for the Delaware shipbuilders. The occasion imperatively demands that every loyal citizen should exert himself to the utmost according to his capabilities, and the country might reasonably expect that these shipbuilders should voluntarily increase their working hours; yet, urged on by their leaders, they demand not only abnormal increase in pay, but a reduction of working hours and the closed shop. Although the very existence of the nation is at stake, the Shipping Wage Adjustment Board—or at least two members of it—in the absence of Mr. Coolidge grant the reduction of working time demanded, giving the men the eight hour day with a half holiday on Saturday. When we are continually being told that the successful prosecution of the war and the maintenance